

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THE communications from this District are inspiring of confidence and joy. Floods and commercial depression are referred to as having occasioned some check to financial prosperity ; still, the brethren and their people unitedly press on in the carrying out of the godly enterprises of the Church. A truly Missionary spirit pervades the Methodist Church at Victoria ; besides the sum of upwards of \$600 sent to the general fund, and the maintenance of their own minister, they have subscribed liberally for the support of a Missionary to Naas, referred to in the following letter, on the strength of which a brother, conversant with the Indian language, has been sent to Mr. Crosby's assistance :—

From the Rev. THOS. CROSBY, dated Fort Simpson, May 11th, 1877.

Since we returned from District meeting I have made a visit to Naas, spent a Sabbath, and have just returned from Wrangle this evening. I preached twice there day before yesterday—at 2 p.m., in a large Indian house, to a crowd, and at 7 p.m. in a large dance-house, to miners—a full house. The work among the Indians there has gone on well, considering we have only had native agents to look after it, but the school has had to be closed, which is a great pity. Sixty children are ready to attend, and were doing well. As yet no word reaches us that a Missionary is to come. It does seem too bad that such a field should be opened and no one to take it. The Roman Catholic priest has been trying to get hold of it ; however, I told the people I should take care of them until some good man would come. I shall send a young man up soon again, and have promised to visit them again in the fall.

The work on the Naas River has been going straight on since I wrote you. Our people have been up there at the fishing station while I was away at District meeting, and they have had regular services every Sabbath, with hundreds in attendance. Indeed, the whole of that people have come under our care,

and I have sent a young man there till we hear from Conference, when I hope the best man we have will be sent up there. Bro. Green would do well. Bro. Sexsmith says he would go if the Church says so. He being a good carpenter and an ordained man, would, in some respects, be the best ; and I do not think it will cost the Society anything for the first year or two. However, you will hear more about that from others. I only have to say,—don't let us overlook the fact that God has opened the door, and He will give us the means ; only let us have the man. There never was a work so much of God or a more direct Divine call for us to enter. Our services last Sabbath commenced in the early morning and continued through the day, and all attended, old and young ; and there is such a desire for school and church on the part of all—they do not wish to be one day or one Sabbath-day without Church service. We are about to put up a large house ; it will be rough and ready for the present, so that no building funds will be needed just now. A school should be started at once, and would be well attended. I am off for Rit-a-mate as soon as possible. The whole of the northern tribes are ready for the Gospel.